

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 11/3/11

Present: Co-Chairs Juli Brazile, Gordon Jamieson, DPW Assistant Director
Teresa DeBenedictis, Peggy Powell, Sustainable Arlington Representative
Brucie Moulton, AHS Recycling Coordinator Nigel Krauss, Advocate Reporter
Jim Haddadin, Secretary Pete Howard

Waste tonnage continues to hover around 14550 and 14560 on a running 12 month sum.

PAYT:

Juli reported that Adam Chapdelaine has suggested that Waste Zero could administer a PAYT program, perhaps at less cost than the Town. Teresa has talked with a rep describing Arlington's current system

Juli reported that Dan Dunn wants to propose a revenue neutral plan. He suggested paying each hh the cost of the bags used by the average household or taking that sum off each hh water bill. No specific sum was mentioned. The cost of the program would be paid by the savings at North Andover. Aside from practical problems in the treasurer's office, the committee could see no way that this program would create a creditable incentive to recycle.

Gordon suggested that a better approach would be to enforce the \$20 fine for not recycling. If this were a part time job, an inspector need only fine 20 hh/week to raise more than \$20k, a possible annual part time salary. Teresa noted that there has been no progress in hiring a recycling coordinator.

Community Collection Day

The committee reviewed each of the participating units. Juli has confirmed Stratton. Brucie confirmed Fox. Nigel said the SAVE Club would be there. Teresa has the rest almost all signed up (except for paper shredder). There is no one taking sneakers though Good Will is a possibility. She will provide a copy of her flyer to Gordon for him to use for publicity. He will also try to get on the BoS agenda w/ Juli to get Recycle Week declared. Juli will set up a volunteer sign-up site.

Teresa said that the State is planning to enforce the regulations that seek to keep drugs & sharps out of the trash. She is discussing w/ APD how to do this. One possibility is to collect the material at the 24hr desk at the Community Safety Bldg.

Teresa said the joint Arlington/Lexington request for trash collection bids is almost ready to go out. Bins at the playing fields will be included along with additional dumpsters in the Town Yard, including one for recycling.

Gordon again suggested encouraging using garbage disposals rather than trash for kitchen waste. Brucie pointed out that this means exporting our waste when it could be handled locally. Teresa will discuss at DPW.

The ARC will focus on publicizing e-waste collection service at DPW this fall. Both kitchen waste composting & mattress recycling need more time to develop.

Juli will set up a Google Group for ARC communication. She noted that agenda items should not be discussed. She will moderate the group.

Schedule of future meetings First Thursday of each month. 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3